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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prepares for levee rehab assistance

Kansas City, MO. - Flooding on the Missouri and Kansas rivers and their tributaries began on 6 May 2007 and is continuing at this time. Many non-Federal flood damage reduction projects within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Kansas City District's area of responsibility have been seriously damaged by this ongoing flood event.

The district announced today that public sponsors of non-Federal flood damage reduction projects/levees damaged by the recent flood event should prepare to apply for rehabilitation assistance from the Corps.

"The Corps of Engineers has authority under Public Law 84-99 to supplement local efforts in the repair of both Federal (Corps constructed, locally owned, operated and maintained) and non-Federal (constructed, owned and operated by non-Federal interests) flood damage reduction projects impacted by storms," said Jud Kneuvean, Levee Rehabilitation Inspection program manager for the Corps.

For a non-Federal flood damage reduction project to be eligible for rehabilitation assistance, it must have been inspected, evaluated and accepted into the Corps Rehabilitation and Inspection Program (i.e., granted active status) prior to the onset of the storm, and still be active (based on the annual Continuing Eligibility Inspection) at the time of the storm.

For a Federal flood damage reduction project to be eligible for rehabilitation assistance, it must be in an active status by having passed its last Inspection of Completed Works. "Rehabilitation assistance will be provided by the Corps only when the work is economically justifiable, the damage was sustained during the recent storm event, and the cost of repairs is more than \$15,000. Rehabilitation assistance for a non-Federal project is cost-shared between the public sponsor and the Corps of Engineers," said Kneuvean. "The public sponsor must provide 20 percent of the cost of the rehabilitation."

All requests for assistance made to the Corps will be coordinated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to prevent duplication of benefits.

If the Public Sponsor believes that its project may qualify for Rehabilitation Assistance, a written request must be submitted to the Corps of Engineers - Kansas City District at the address shown on the notice. The request must be signed by an officer or responsible official of the Public Sponsor, and must include:

- Name and telephone number of the Public Sponsor's point of contact
- Legal name of the flood control project
- Date and results of the last inspection by the Corps of Engineers;
- Location of the flood control project by township, section, range, city, and county
- Location(s) of the damaged section(s), and extent of the damage at each location
- Waterway causing the flood

Under receipt of the Public Sponsor's request, the Corps of Engineers will schedule an inspection with the Public Sponsor.

"In preparation for the rehabilitation effort which will follow this flood event, we are releasing this advance information to aid Public Sponsors," said Kneuvean. Additional information can be found in The Levee

Owners Manual for Non-Federal Flood Control Works, Section 8. Rehabilitation Assistance at:
<http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/Flood2007/LeveeOwnersManual.pdf> .

Upon conclusion of this flood event, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will release an official Notice to Public Sponsors. That notice will include the date by which all Public Sponsor applications must be received by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Kansas City District. The expiration period is based on 30 days from the end of the flood event. Question concerning this information may be directed to Mr. Jud Kneuvean, National Disaster Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, 601 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64106 or by calling at 816-389-3281.

For current information call (816) 426-6320 or (816) 389-2427 and for additional Corps news regarding storm-runoff management visit the District Flood 2007 web page at www.nwk.usace.army.mil (click on "Flood 2007 Information" link).

Additional online links to water levels can be found at www.crh.noaa.gov (click on "Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service" link).

For the past 100 years, the Kansas City District has been providing flood damage reduction and related support to the heartland. For more information, call the Kansas City District Public Affairs office at (816) 389-3486. www.nwk.usace.army.mil

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